GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CURRENT INFANT MORTALITY RATE
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present child mortality rate in the country, especially in tribal areas of the country;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the child mortality rate in the country especially in the tribal areas, during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The Child mortality rate in the country is 20.4 as per the latest available SRS (Sample Registration System) 1999 data.The child mortality rate for the Scheduled Tribe Population in the country as per NFHS-II (National Family Health Suurvey)1998-99 data is 46.3

(b) & (c): No, Sir. The child mortality rate has been decreasing in the country. The child mortality rate as per SRS has decreased from 23.1 in 1997 to 20.4 in 1999. The child mortality for the Scheduled Tribe Population has also decreased from 49.1 in 1992-93 as per NFHS-I to 46.3 in 1998-99 it as per the NHFS-II.

(d): Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, interventions for decreasing child mortality and morbidity are being implemented through out the country. The interventions for children include Immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases; control of deaths due to Diarrhoea; control of Actute Respirlatory Infections; Prophylaxis against Vitamin A Deficiency; and Iron deficiency Aneamia, Essential Newborn Care; Promotion of exclusive Breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices.